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Applicants request a five-month extension of time up to and including November 22, 2003 in which to respond to the *final* Office Action dated October 22, 2002. *In lieu* of an Appeal Brief, a Continuation Patent Application is being filed concurrently herewith.

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